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Special to Casey, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Metcalfe, Rockcastle, Rowan, and Woodford Counties.

June 14 deadline for severe weather-related unemployment insurance

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 14, 2010) - Kentuckians in Casey, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Metcalfe, Rockcastle, Rowan and Woodford counties who have lost work or whose businesses were damaged due to severe weather that occurred May 1,2010, may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

Farmers and self-employed people, who are normally not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits, also may qualify for disaster unemployment assistance, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

June 14, 2010, is the deadline for applying for benefits. All regular unemployment insurance benefits must be exhausted prior to receiving any disaster benefits. Applications can be filed at local OET offices.

When filing a claim, self-employed people should bring a copy of their 2009 income tax return. Other applicants need only a photo-identification card and their Social Security number.

OET helps individuals prepare for, secure and maintain employment; assists employers in locating and selecting the best qualified workers for their job openings; and provides income maintenance to ease the financial burden on individuals who are out of work through no fault of their own.

The Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet coordinates learning programs from P-16, and manages and supports training and employment functions in the Department of Workforce Investment. For more information, visit <a href="www.educationcabinet.ky.gov">www.educationcabinet.ky.gov</a> or <a href="www.workforce.ky.gov">www.workforce.ky.gov</a> <a href="http://www.workforce.ky.gov">http://www.workforce.ky.gov</a>.